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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Thu-Thao Havan

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on appeal brief on 5/22/02.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11-13, 16-20, 22-27 and 29-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 10, 14, 15, 21 and 28 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-31 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Objections

2. Claims **10, 14-15, 21, and 28** are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The prior art of record fails to anticipate or rendered obvious the technical features of claims **10, 14-15, 21, and 28**. The prior art fails to teach or suggest having determining whether data table is of a first type or a second type when the data is determined not to be present in the font; directly initiating synthesizing step if data table is of first type; or, providing an indication that data table is not present in the font if data table is of second type, and initiating synthesizing step upon receipt of a request that is responsive to indication as recited in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims **1-9, 11-13, 16-20, 22-27, and 29-31** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sonnenschein (US patent no. 5,500,931) in view of Patel et al (US patent no. 6,426,751).

Re claims **11, 19, and 26**, Sonnenschein teaches a system for generating images of characters, comprising a font subsystem which is responsive to identification of characters to access at least one font file to retrieve glyphs associated with the identified characters (col. 5, lines 12-27), and data tables that contain information about glyphs in the font (figs. 4-6), a font table synthesizer which is responsive to the absence of a predetermined data table for creating and storing table on the basis of data contained in the font file (col. 4, lines 41-52).

Sonnenschein fails to specifically disclose creating a table.

However, Patel specifically teaches creating a table (col. 1, lines 17-41; fig. 4). In other words, Patel teaches creating a table for the font layout. The table contains information on glyph positioning, glyph substitution, justification, and baseline positioning.

Therefore, taking the combined teaching of Sonnenschein and Patel as a whole, it would have been obvious to combine the teaching of Patel to the system of Sonnenschein because doing so would have enabled processing fonts to improve font layout in a table format as noted in Patel (col. 1, lines 17-41; figs. 2 and 4-element 420).

Re claims **12 and 25**, Patel discloses font subsystem determines whether a predetermined data table is contained in the font file, and causes synthesizer to create

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table when a determination is made that the table is not present in the font file (col. 4, line 52 to col. 5, line 7; fig. 4).

Re claims **13, 20, and 27**, Patel discloses an annex file (col. 7 to col. 14).

Re claims **6, 16, 22, and 29**, Sonnenschein teaches a method for automatically synthesizing a data table that contains information about glyphs in a font, comprising the steps of building a font map that contains information about individual glyphs in the font (col. 5, lines 12-27), determining relationships between items of information in the font map.

Sonnenschein fails to specifically disclose constructing a table.

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Re claims **7-8, 17-18, 23-24, and 30-31**, Sonnenschein discloses font map is specific to the font and other information is generic to multiple fonts (col. 5, lines 39-59).

Re claims **1-5 and 9**, the limitations of claims 1-5 and 9 are analyzed as discussed with respect to claims 11-13, 16-20, and 22-27 above.

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Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Davis et al., US Patent No. 5,495,577

Hitchcock, US Patent No. 6,236,390

Bagley et al., US Patent No. 5,167,016

Jones et al., US patent no. 6,421,055

Inquiries

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu-Thao Havan whose telephone number is (703) 308-7062. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Razavi can be reached on (703) 305-4713.

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